(c) whether police arrangements were adequate when the Hyderabad T.V. Centre was attacked by demonstrators in protest against screening of the serial and what is Government's reaction to the demonstrations held at Hyderabad and other places; and

(d) the estimated loss/damage caused to various items of Hyderabad Doordarshan Kendra as a result thereof and the details of the items damaged?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Some parties/organisations wanted Doordarshan to stop the telecast of 'Tamas' They felt that it might have adverse effects on the viewers. Though no formal survey has been undertaken by the Government to assess the reactions of viewers on this programme, an opinion poll in Bombay conducted on behalf of a newspapers while the serial was on, showed that a majority of respondents wanted the telecast of "Tamas" to continue.

(c) The State Government could not provide adequate protection to safeguard against the damage to the property of the Central Government in spite of advance notice to the State Police. The Andhra Pradesh Government has been requested to ensure that Doordarshan Kendra which is considered as vital installations with costly equipment is given necessary protection. Instructions were also sent to all other kendras in the country to take precautionary measures in consultation with the local authorities to prevent such happenings. All State Governments have also been requested to ensure adequate security arrangements at the Kendras and Transmitters Sites in their States.

(d) The damage to the property is estimated to be about Rs. 6.8 lakhs. The damaged articles include furniture, telephone instruments, typewriters, TV sets, Video cassetes, fans, Almirah, PABX, records of the Account Section, Video tapes, camera etc. One Ambassador car and a Jeep were also damaged. The agriculture and commercial sections were set on fire. Window panes, doors and bathrooms were ransacked.

Expenses incurred by NCC on litigation

1756. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Consumers Cooperative Federation Limited had sometime back incurred huge expenses on litigation in contesting a case with the National Textile Corporation (WBABO) Limited, Calcutta in the matter of certain business transactions and payment of dues;

(b) whether Government had recently received requests/representations from Members of Parliament to settle the case without allowing the drainage of public funds over such issues;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what action being taken to resolve the issue without any further delay and without any further loss of money immediately?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) NCCF has reported that it has so far spent Rs. 14,000 towards legal expenses for defending a case filed by the NTC (WBABO) Limited in the Calcutta High Court for a claim of Rs. 206.77 lakhs inclusive of an interest amount of Rs. 63.40 lakhs, against the NCCF and three other parties towards the supply of non-controlled textile during the period 1979—84.

(b) to (d) A communication from a Member of the Parliament was received in December, 1986, for a compromise outside the Court. NCCF has stated that it has already made an over-payment of Rs. 42.42 lakhs to NTC in the deal and hence it was for the NTC to take action for compromise in the matter by withdrawing the court case. NCCF was asked to impress upon the NTC not to pursue the court case but their efforts in pursuing the NTC to withdraw the case have not borne any fruits so far.

Funds for IRDP for Bihar

1757. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Budget for the Integrated Rural Development Programme for the year 1988-89;

(b) what is the allocation of funds made for Bihar under the IRDP for the said period; and

(c) what is the amount of IRDP loan proposed to be given to the people of Bihar for cattle development to encourage milk production during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Total budgetary provision for the Integrated Rural Development Programme in the Central Sector for 1988-89 is Rs. 355.00 crores.

(b) The Central share of allocation for IRDP for Bihar for the year 1988-89 is presently Rs. 45.948 crores.

(c) IRDP is a credit linked programme. Under IRDP assistance is given to the selected families of target group in rural areas (whose annual income from all sources is less than Rs. 4,800) for taking up viable projects in primary, secondary and tertiary sectors. Assistance is given by combination of subsidy given by the Government and term credit mobilised by the banks. No separate sector-wise or activity-wise target is fixed.

Coverage of employees of M/s. Kaludam Mahadev Prasad under the ESI

1758. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the minimum number of employees required in any company to cover the employees under the Employees State Insurance Scheme;

(b) whether the employees employed in the Head Office and in the Regional Offices of M/s. Kaluram Mahadev Prasad, 1-E, Madan Mohan Burman Street, Calcutta, a sister concern of K.M.P. Oils Industries (P) Ltd., Cochin, are not covered under the E.S.I. Scheme;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) what action Government propose to take against these companies for violation of rules and for not covering their employees under the E.S.I. Scheme;

(e) whether Government propose to issue instructions to these companies to cover their employees under this scheme in the near future; and

(f) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The ESI Scheme is at present applicable to power-using factories employing 10 or more persons and non-power using factories and certain other establishments employing 20 or more persons;

(b) to (f) According to ESI authorities, M/s. Kalu Ram Mahadev Prasad has been found to be coverable under the ESI Act with effect from 1-1-1985. The employer has not,